



Government of Tonga

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES July 2015

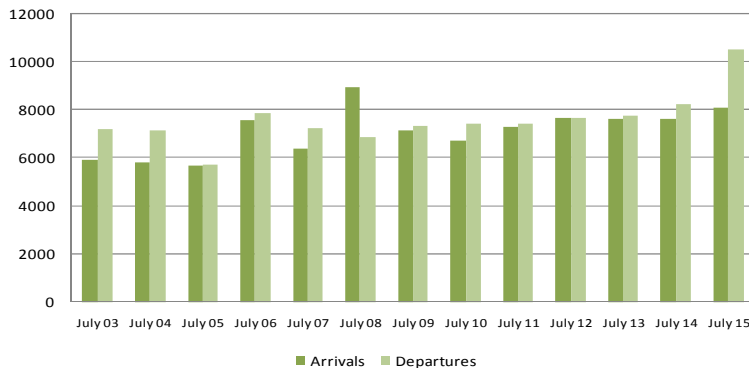
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of July 2015	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	8,252	-28.0	5.3
Air Visitors	5,961	1.1	8.8
Air Returning Residents	2,115	-42.1	-0.6
Cruise Ships	-	-100.0	0.0
Yachts	176	13.5	-24.5
All Departures	10,632	39.7	25.1

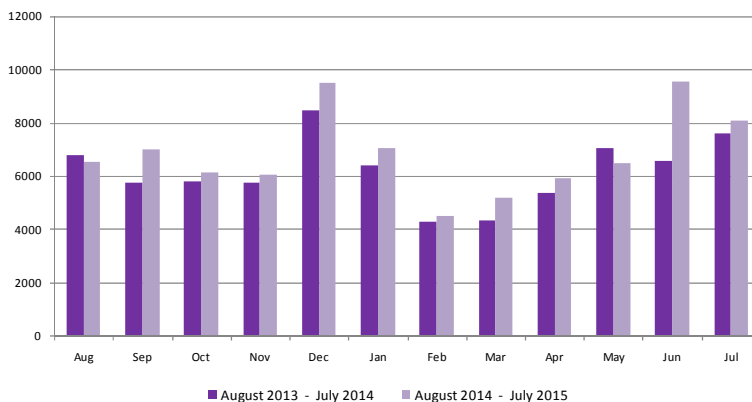
- A decline of 28.0% of all arrivals (8,252) compared to the previous month of June 2015 (11,462)
- An increase of 1.1% of all air visitors (5,961) compared to June 2015 (5,898)
- A decline of 42.1% of Returning Residents (2,115) compared to June 2015 (3,652).
- There was no cruise ship in the month of July
- An increase of 13.5% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- An increase of 39.7% of all departures from June 2015

Fig. 1: July Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2015



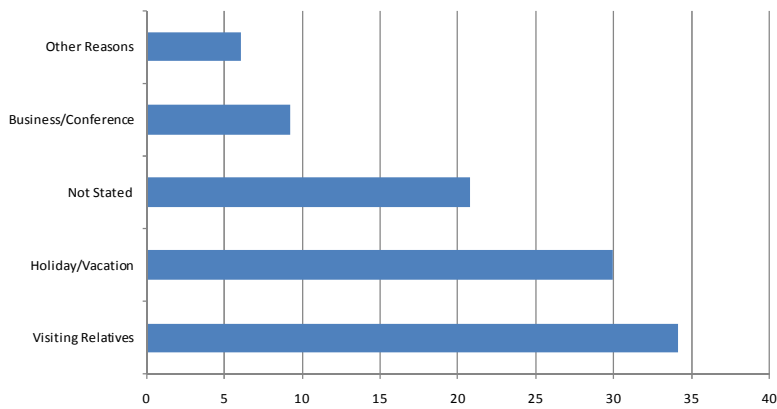
- Total air arrivals in July 2015 were 8,076 an increase of 6.2% compared to July 2014 (7,605).
- Total air departures of 10,489 in July 2015, again an increase of 27.7% compared to July 2014 (8,213)

Fig. 2: Monthly Air Arrivals vs the corresponding month of the previous year



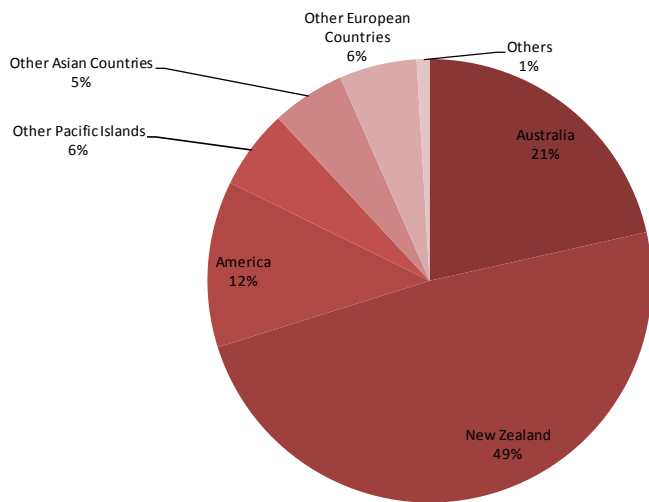
- Total air visitor arrivals in July 2015 were 5,961 an increase of 8.8% compared to July 2014 (5,477)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit July, 2015



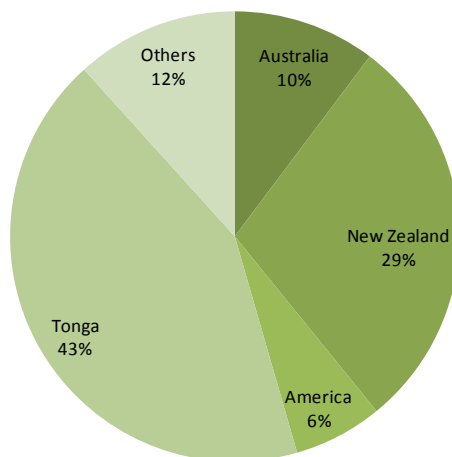
- Holiday/Vacation made up 29.9% (1,781) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of July.
- 34.1% (2,031) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/friends
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 9.2% (547) and those with other reasons were 6.1% (365)

Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence July, 2015



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 49.0% (2,903) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 22.0 % (1,281), and USA 12% (719)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence July, 2015



- Most of the persons departing in the month of July were persons residing in New Zealand (3,793) followed by Tonga (2,050), Australia (1,813) and the United States(1,784)

Background Information

Data is extracted from the arrival and departure cards of the Immigration Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Customs vessel & yacht log book. The Statistics Department reconciles the figures from the Air Terminal Services Manifest, Tonga Airport Limited and Ports Authority Manifest to produce final published data.

Statistics on Overseas Arrivals and Departures related to the number of movements of travelers rather than the number of travelers (i.e. the multiple movements of individual persons during a given reference period are all counted).

Definitions

- ▶ **A Visitor** is a person other than a Tongan citizen, permit holder and exempted person, who usually stay at least 24 hours in the Kingdom, or who stays overnight in accommodation within Tonga. This refers to passengers arriving by air and yacht only.
- ▶ **Cruise Ship Passengers** are defined as those who arrive and depart in the same vessel which is on a cruise trip, and use that vessel's accommodation during their stay in Tonga. They are also known as "Excursionist"
- ▶ **A Returning resident** is a person who has the Kingdom of Tonga as their permanent address for more than six months of the year and returns to Tonga after a trip overseas. Tongan residence is self-defined as reported by travelers when completing the Passenger Arrival Card.
- ▶ **Mode of Transport** Only air, yacht and cruise ships passengers are included. Passenger/crew on cargo, navy or special vessels are excluded.

The Statistics Department wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the Immigration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Custom Department of the Ministry of Revenue Services, Air Terminal Services, Ports Authority making it possible to publish these important statistics.

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender July, 2015

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	328	167	161	264	139	125	64	28	36
5-9	348	179	169	276	141	135	72	38	34
10-14	322	135	187	265	107	158	57	28	29
15-19	518	185	333	426	153	273	92	32	60
20-24	624	299	325	364	153	211	260	146	114
25-29	675	315	360	434	173	261	241	142	99
30-34	711	395	316	474	256	218	237	139	98
35-39	644	349	295	450	244	206	194	105	89
40-44	697	388	309	507	269	238	190	119	71
45-49	795	437	358	602	325	277	193	112	81
50-54	721	389	332	560	304	256	161	85	76
55-59	575	304	271	469	252	217	106	52	54
60-64	485	246	239	379	190	189	106	56	50
65-69	284	150	134	227	123	104	57	27	30
70-74	173	108	65	128	85	43	45	23	22
75+	176	80	96	136	58	78	40	22	18
Total	8,076	4,126	3,950	5,961	2,972	2,989	2,115	1,154	961
% Distribution	100.0	51.1	48.9	73.8	36.8	37.0	26.2	14.3	11.9

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit July, 2015

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,281	21.5	447	77	467	53	237
New Zealand	2,903	48.7	805	246	1,079	91	682
Fiji	198	3.3	29	55	44	36	34
American Samoa	21	0.4	-	-	14	-	7
Western Samoa	31	0.5	1	19	4	5	2
Other Pacific Islands	96	1.6	5	43	24	12	12
Japan	111	1.9	14	10	11	63	13
China	125	2.1	18	34	26	31	16
India	7	0.1	2	2	1	2	-
Korea	23	0.4	8	10	3	-	2
Other Asian Countries	52	0.9	19	13	11	4	5
UK	90	1.5	36	4	16	9	25
Germany	73	1.2	43	-	15	-	15
France	39	0.7	17	2	8	8	4
Italy	8	0.1	3	1	1	-	3
Other European Countries	127	2.1	79	2	18	7	21
All African Countries	12	0.2	3	-	4	-	5
United States of America	719	12.1	232	27	273	40	147
Canada	26	0.4	12	1	5	4	4
Other American Countries	19	0.3	8	1	7	-	3
Total	5,961	100.0	1,781	547	2,031	365	1,237
% Distribution	100.0		29.9	9.2	34.1	6.1	20.8

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for July, 2015

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	66	3.2	380	4.5	446	4.3
5 - 9	42	2.0	421	5.0	463	4.4
10 - 14	41	2.0	448	5.3	489	4.7
15 - 19	101	4.9	659	7.8	760	7.2
20 - 24	312	15.2	525	6.2	837	8.0
25 - 29	216	10.5	501	5.9	717	6.8
30 - 34	223	10.9	562	6.7	785	7.5
35 - 39	179	8.7	588	7.0	767	7.3
40 - 44	200	9.8	617	7.3	817	7.8
45 - 49	195	9.5	805	9.5	1000	9.5
50 - 54	144	7.0	884	10.5	1028	9.8
55 - 59	118	5.8	705	8.4	823	7.8
60 - 64	80	3.9	584	6.9	664	6.3
65 - 69	66	3.2	389	4.6	455	4.3
70 - 74	36	1.8	193	2.3	229	2.2
75+	31	1.5	178	2.1	209	2.0
All Ages	2,050	100.0	8,439	100.0	10,489	100.0
YACHT	-	-	143	0	143	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	-	0	0	0
Total	2,050	100.0	8,582	100.0	10,632	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender July, 2015

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	831	10.1	982	10.8	1,813	10.4
New Zealand	1,766	28.5	2,027	32.7	3,793	30.3
Fiji	146	3.1	90	2.2	236	2.7
American Samoa	5	0.3	2	0.2	7	0.3
Western Samoa	18	0.6	12	0.3	30	0.4
Tonga	1,119	42.2	931	39.6	2,050	41.1
Other Pacific Islands	74	1.1	43	0.7	117	1.0
Japan	106	0.6	30	0.4	136	0.6
China	57	0.6	33	0.2	90	0.4
India	5	0.2	2	0.0	7	0.1
Korea	14	0.2	5	0.3	19	0.3
Other Asian Countries	25	1.2	13	0.6	38	0.9
UK	51	0.8	35	0.9	86	0.8
Germany	20	1.2	23	1.0	43	1.1
France	31	0.5	23	0.5	54	0.5
Italy	1	0.1	2	0.2	3	0.2
Other European Countries	69	1.6	43	1.3	112	1.5
All African Countries	7	0.2	7	0.2	14	0.2
United States of America	796	6.3	988	7.3	1,784	6.7
Canada	17	0.5	18	0.4	35	0.5
Other American Countries	11	0.2	11	0.3	22	0.2
Total	5,169	100.0	5,320	100.0	10,489	100.0